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FEBRUARY 21-27, 1975

REF: MEXICO 1689

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### 1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. ON FEBRUARY 20, 1975, MEXICAN AOMN MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA

PAULLADA ARRIVED AT 8:20 P.M. IN CULIACAN, SINALOA, AND WAS GREETED BY THE GOVERNORS OF THE MEXICAN STATES OF SINALOA, DURANGO, SONORA, AND CHIHUAHUA, AND MANY CAMPAIGN AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. ON FEBRUARY 21, 1975, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS PARTY VISITED ADVANCE BASES AT TOPIA, DURANGO, SAN JOSE DEL LLANO, AND CHOIX, SINALOA, AND MADE JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF COOPERATION AND DEDICATION TO THE 1975 CAMPAIGN AND CONTROL OF DRUGS IN GENERAL. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITED LOS MOCHIS AND MAZATLAN, SINALOA, AND DEPARTED THE AREA ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

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22, 1975.

B. A DRASTIC DECREASE IN ARRESTS AND SEIZURES AT ROADBLOCKS HAS TAKEN PLACE. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE NOTORIETY OF THE CAMPAIGN RESULTING IN CHANGED ROUTES OF TRAFFIC BY DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

C. ACTUAL ERADICATION SHOULD INCREASE SHARPLY DUE TO THE RECENT RETURN TO OPERATION OF FOUR PREVIOUSLY-GROUNDED HELICOPTERS, TWO 212S AND TWO 206S. TOTAL OF THREE 212S AND THREE 206S ARE NOW SUPPORTING TROOPS, WITH THREE MORE 212S EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SOON FROM MEXICO CITY AND MICHOACAN.

D. THREE ADVANCE BASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND STOCKED WITH FUEL. AN ADDITIONAL 200 TROOPS HAVE BEEN PLEDGED TO THE CAMPAIGN, BRINGING THE TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL TO 800 MEN.

## 2. STATISTICS

### A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

#### OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	326
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	475,949M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	12,950,004/

#### MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	73
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	73,430M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	1,865,290

#### MIXED PLANTATIONS \*(MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	11
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	17,753M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	536,410

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS DESTROYED

FOUR BUNDLES OF DRYING POPPIES DESTROYED.  
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### B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

#### POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,574
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	3,387,353M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	

OYED N.A.

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 1,024  
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 3,387,353M2  
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED N.A.  
MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 1,024  
SQUARE METERS SNDR CULTIVATION DESTROYED 2,710,241M2  
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 18,460,105

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 108  
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 638,210M2  
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 28,537,223

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

5 ARRESTS  
2 VEHICLES SEIZED  
500 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED AND/OR DESTROYED  
1.5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED  
500 GRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED

D. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

123/ ARRESTS  
36 VEHICLES SEIZED  
3 LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED  
57.5 TONS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED AND/XOR DESTROYED  
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14.  
75 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED  
15 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED  
3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE DESTROYED  
12 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED  
1.020 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED  
28.120 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS DESTROYED  
93 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND HANDGUNS SEIZED  
1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED  
2,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

E. HEROIN LABORATORIES

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT, I.E., 7.

3. COMMENTS./

A. THE RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA TO CULIACAN AND OTHER AREAS OF THE CAMPAIGN HAS HAD NO GREAT IMPACT ON ATTITUDES OR OUTPUT OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED. THE VISIT WAS POLITICALLY ORIENTED AND WORKING PERSONNEL WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS THEIR SITUATIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

B. THE TANGIBLE RESULTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VISIT WERE THAT ALL ADVANCE BASES WERE FINISHED AND STOCKED WITH FUEL AND ONE WAS STOCKED WITH FOOD; AND THAT MEN AND AIRCRAFT BEGAN WORKING OUT OF THE BASES. FOUR HELICOPTERS WERE RAPIDLY REPAIRED AND PUT INTO SERVICE. OVERDUE PERDIEM AND PAYCHECKS WERE SENT TO MANY, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE MFJP AND PILOTS.

C. ON FEBRUARY 26, 1975, MFJP COMMANDENT MANUEL ARREGUIN HEREZ STATED THAT THE RECENT VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA WAS HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE POPPY GROWING AREAS OF SINALOABN DURANGO, AND CHIHUAHUA, AND THAT HE WAS OVERZHELMED AT THE EXTENT OF THE HOPPY FIELDS. COMMENDANT ARREGUIN ALSO SAID THAT GOVERNOR CALDERON OF THE STATE OF SINALOA AND ALL THREE GENERALS OF THE MILITARY ZONES, IN HIS PARTY, WERE EQUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE NUMBER OF POPPY FIELDS UNDER CUTTIVATION IN THE AREA.

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